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Third Party Defendant.

CASE NO. 07 05930 JSW JOINT STIPULATION RE FED.R.CIV.P. 26(f) DISCOVERY PLAN AND [PROPOSED] ORDER IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the parties, acting through their undersigned counsel, that, as of May 23, 2008 following an in person meeting in the Attorneys' Lounge of the Federal Building in San Francisco, California between counsel for all of the parties pursuant to the Order of the Court dated May 13, 2008, the parties have agreed pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 26(f) to the content of the following discovery plan.

- 1. Rule 26(f)(3)(A) Initial disclosures have been exchanged. Except as may be occasioned by supplemental disclosure, nothing further is contemplated at this time.
- 2. Rule 26(f)(3)(B) In light of a two-step hybrid process occurring in the very near future, the first phase of the parties' discovery will be limited as follows:
- (i) The number of interrogatories will be seven per party (with Crowell to be able to propound discovery against both the plaintiff and third party defendant and plaintiff and third party defendant to be able to each propound discovery against Crowell), and they will be counted against the total number of Interrogatories permitted by Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 33(a);
- (ii) A set of Requests for Admission limited to twenty Requests per party (with Crowell to be able to propound discovery against both the plaintiff and third party defendant and plaintiff and third party defendant to be able to each propound discovery against Crowell); and
- (iii) An additional Interrogatory per party (with Crowell to be able to propound discovery against both the plaintiff and third party defendant and plaintiff and third party defendant to be able to each propound discovery against Crowell), which will also be counted against the total number of Interrogatories permitted by Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 33(a), to each party requesting information concerning each response to a Request for Admission that is not an unqualified admission as not being deemed to have discrete subparts as to each such Request for Admission that is not an unqualified admission.
- If the two-step hybrid ADR process has had good faith participation by all parties and fails to result in a settlement, then it is likely that a second phase of broader discovery pursuant to the Fed.R.Civ.P. is warranted, but based upon narrowed issues that could presumably result from the two-step ADR process.

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